

Distribution has followed normal methods, the bulk of the Division's fruit being sold through wholesalers. The system of nominated prices continues, a Price Order being issued fortnightly to indicate the maximum figure at which fruit should be sold by wholesale and retail. The following table indicates the various avenues of disposal and the quantities sold :—

	1940.		1941.		1942.	
	Apples.	Pears.	Apples.	Pears.	Apples.	Pears.
Civilian markets ..	1,559,000	159,000	2,037,000	329,000	1,537,000	159,000
U.S.J.P.B. ..	..	..	..	..	31,000	1,000
New Zealand Forces ..	30,000	5,000	55,000	15,000	158,000	23,000
Schools ..	..	..	113,000	..	156,000	..
Export ..	587,000	..	4,000	..	..	..
Miscellaneous sales ..	77,000	3,000	92,000	3,000	42,000	..
	2,253,000	167,000	2,301,000	347,000	1,924,000	183,000
Dehydration ..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total crop ..	2,253,000	167,000	2,301,000	347,000	1,924,000	183,000

	1943.		1944.		1945.	
	Apples.	Pears.	Apples.	Pears.	Apples.	Pears.
Civilian markets ..	1,522,000	198,000	1,512,000	230,000	1,421,000	243,000
U.S.J.P.B. ..	267,000	23,000	479,000	26,000	312,000	18,000
New Zealand Forces ..	94,000	11,000	66,000	9,000	44,000	9,000
Schools ..	91,000	..	102,000	..	43,000	..
Export ..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Miscellaneous sales ..	47,000	3,000	43,000	4,000	40,000	5,000
	2,021,000	235,000	2,202,000	269,000	1,860,000	275,000
Dehydration ..	5,000	..	113,000	..	135,000	..
Total crop ..	2,026,000	235,000	2,315,000	269,000	1,995,000	275,000